GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF BIHAR
ARUN KUMAR

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently asked the Bihar Government to submit details of expenditure to be spent on different irrigation projects which require funds for completion during 9th Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether the Bihar Government has submitted the proposal;

(c) the estimated funds required to complete the irrigation projects of the State; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to make available the funds for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The estimated cost of ongoing major and medium projects of Bihar is Rs.8430.71 crore, of which an expenditure of Rs.2534.64 crore has been made upto the end of VIII Five Year Plan.

(d) Being a State subject, irrigation projects are planned, investigated, implemented and funded by the State Governments as per their own priorities. Union Government has been providing Central Loan Assistance to the States under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for projects which are in advanced stage of construction and also for projects which are beyond the resources capability of the States. An amount of Rs.219.41 crore has been released by the Union Governmentto the State of Bihar under AIBP upto 1999-2000.